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‘Breaking Dawn’ opens with bite

“The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1” stunned Hollywood by pulling in $283.5 million at the box office worldwide this weekend. It was the fifth largest opening ever in the U.S. Check out our interview with lead actor Taylor Lautner who discusses how he learned to “imprint” on his baby co-star. {page 11}

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Boost in users calls for better mobile website

Track trains and send MBTA complaints with ease ◐ $25,000 upgrade revamps old mobile site ◐ Find T apps that fit your phone with redesign

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▶ With the MBTA's new mobile site, riders will hopefully be able to use their smartphones to time their commute better, spending less waiting time on an empty platforms like this one at South Station.

The T's revamped mobile website that launches today will turn travelers' smartphone experience from "fairly vanilla" to "a sundae" according to MassDOT Secretary Rich Davey.

The $25,000 redesign and upgrade optimizes MBTA.com's features to match the influx of Android and iPhone users riding Hub transit.

"We have had a significant increase with people using the mobile site," said Davey. "It will put us in line with other websites and providers of customer service."

With new features like a mobile customer comments form at riders' fingertips, reporting T troubles will take just a few seconds, sending reports to directly to T reps.

"It'll be an avenue for customers to give us specific information on vehicles or employees and if we get that detail we can take action," said Davey.

T rider and blogger Dan Lampariello is optimistic about the upgrades.

"I try and check alerts and trying to use [the old site] is a pain," said Lampariello. "Revamping a mobile site is a great idea — just being able to have that access quickly and easily."

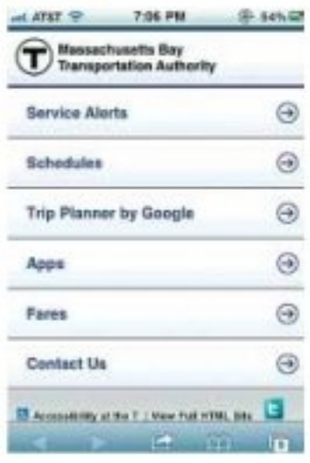
The original mobile site launched in 2006, but was formatted for the early versions of smartphones before touch-screen devices dominated the scene.

The upgrade comes just months before InSite Wireless is slated to complete underground cell tower installations for Blue and Green line trains making it easier to surf the Web while riding the T.

Beyond the never-before-seen upgrades, the T also put some pep into the site's options.

The alerts page was completely redesigned and schedule pages have been refreshed, giving riders info on service frequency.

Upgrades to a T



- Mobile customer comment form
- Organized apps page
- Mobile trip planning
- Redesigned service alerts

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▶ MBTA control room

T offering behind the scene tours

BOSTON. If you've ever been curious about what goes on behind the scenes at the MBTA, the transit agency is giving you a chance to find out. Take a tour of the country's first transit system as the the T opens its doors to customers and gives them a sneak peak at its headquarters and control rooms in Boston, the Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility in Somerville and the Everett repair shop. Visit mbta.com to sign up for scheduled tour dates and times. METRO

Study: Lies increase in e-mail, IM

AMHERST. Two UMass Amherst researchers revealed in a new study that more people lie through e-mail and instant messaging than they do face-to-face. According to research conducted by Robert Feldman and Mattityahu Zimbler, when someone is physically and psychologically removed from a person they are communicating with, they are more likely to bend the truth. METRO

Fan killed while tailgating

NEW HAVEN. A Bay Sate woman was killed during the weekend when a truck delivering kegs hit her and two other women tailgating at the Harvard-Yale football game. According to the Globe, Nancy Barry, 30, of Salem was killed when the driver allegedly sped up as he tried to turn into a parking lot. No charges were filed. METRO

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Metro's Man and Woman of the Year: Take your pick

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MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR
2011

For the past two years, Metro has asked its readers to nominate the man and woman who affected news headlines to the greatest extent over the year.

Today, we launch our 2011 Man and Woman of the Year event — but as we do so, we acknowledge that the winners this year may be a group of people rather than individuals.

How can we ignore the claims of the Occupy Wall Street movement, whose activities have dominated the news headlines for the last two months? Others may feel it right to nominate the 1 percent.

We feel certain that many readers will wish to nominate Navy SEAL Team 6, the group of warriors who killed Osama bin Laden.

As we look back over 2011, we remember the people of Egypt, the activists of the Arab Spring and those who fought for regime change in Libya.

Naturally, some readers will wish to nominate individuals. President Barack Obama ordered the bin Laden mission; and on the basis that he was hardly out of the headlines all year until his death last month, who can ignore the nomination of Muammar Gaddafi?

When the U.S. federal government faced a shutdown in April, House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner was in the thick of the conflict.

Also in April, Prince William and Kate Middleton had the world enthralled with their fairy tale wedding at Westminster Abbey. METRO

They made the news: You decide

Nominations open today and will continue until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9.

In the Metro edition of Monday, Dec. 12, we will publish a shortlist of those receiving the most nominations, and will invite readers to vote for their favorites.

Metro's Man and Woman (or People) of the Year will be announced in Metro's special end-of-year edition, published on Monday, Dec. 26.

For your consideration

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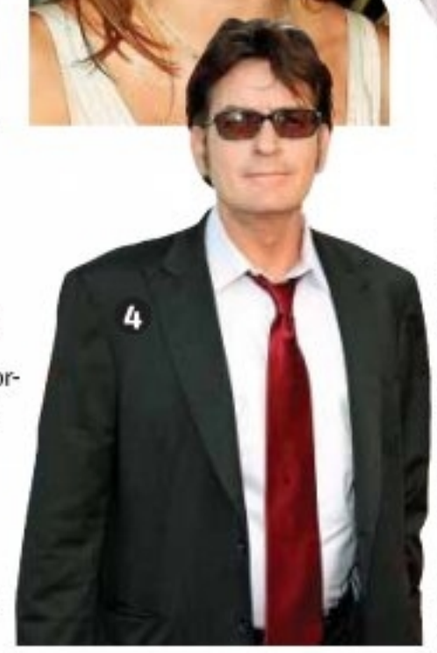
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Other potential nominees:

1. Dominique Strauss-Khan, former head of the International Monetary Fund, was forced from his job over criminal charges that he had sexually assaulted a New York hotel maid, Nafissatou Diallo. Should either be nominated?

2. TV reporter Lara Logan forced the world to confront some ugly truths about the treatment of women in Arab countries when she was sexually assaulted by a mob of men in Tahir Square, Cairo, during the Egyptian uprisings. Her bravery and fortitude, despite a terrible ordeal, impressed many.

3. Media mogul Rupert Murdoch and his former sidekick Rebekah Brooks entertained us all for several weeks during the summer as they fought off claims that News of the World reporters had hacked into the cell phones of thousands of people.

4. Were Charlie Sheen's antics as he departed from the comedy "Two and a Half Men" an outburst of insanity or a cool PR stunt? Either way – he dominated the headlines for several weeks.

5. Casey Anthony was acquitted of murdering her daughter Caylee in a July trial that was followed closely by millions.

6. The music world lost a tortured genius when Amy Winehouse was found dead at her London home in July. She drank herself to death, but leaves a lasting musical legacy.

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HOW TO NOMINATE

Man or Woman of the Year:

- To **nominate** someone from **Man or Woman of the Year**, e-mail us at **mwoty@metro.us** and tell us, in 100 words or fewer, why they deserve the title.
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- Readers will be able to vote on a shortlist of nominees from **Monday, Dec. 12** to **Thursday, Dec. 22.**

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You can help cure a child's Beiber fever this holiday

Who was your heartthrob growing up — that pop star whose face covered your bedroom walls?

There's been plenty over the years: N'SYNC and The Backstreet Boys followed in the footsteps of Boston's own New Kids on the Block, whose images graced everything from pillow cases to board games.

Maybe you pined over Michael Jackson or Jon Bon Jovi and just had to have their latest T-shirt to show off your undying devotion.

Or was it Leif Garrett or David Cassidy who looked into that television camera and sang right to you, as if there was no other girl in the world?

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▶ The toys have begun filling up our office!

That's exactly how today's "tweens" feel about Justin Beiber — they just have to have the latest merchandise immortalizing their one true love.

But what about those who can't afford Beiber-themed swag? As silly as it may seem to an adult, those things mean the world to an 11-year-old girl, and that's where the Metro Magic holiday toy drive comes in.

By visiting www.metro.us and clicking on the Metro Magic logo you can view our wish list, complete plenty of Justin Bieber merchandise. With one easy click of your mouse, the gift will be sent directly to Metro and then distributed to The Home for Little Wanderers or Toys for Tots.

So what's stopping you? Make a little girl into a true "Belieber" today. METRO

How to give

1: Log on to www.metro.us and look for this Metro Magic logo:

2: One click on the logo will take you to a "Wish List" we have set up via a secure link on ToysRUs.com. Once there, you can see all the toys we've requested for kids and more are added daily. Simply select the toys you want and purchase them.

3: Selecting only the toys on our wish list ensures that the gifts will be sent to our offices and donated to The Home for Little Wanderers and Toys for Tots.

"For the safety of our members and the health of the bike fleet, we will be taking the system off the street for the winter months."
STATEMENT, ON HUBWAY WEBSITE

Hubway heads to hibernate

For almost as long as it's been here, Hubway will be packed up for the winter.

Starting today the hundreds of bicycles and scores of stations will be collected and taken down in preparation for the end of the bicycle sharing system for the season.

Officials have said since before the system's launch in July that it would initially be a three-season program.

The shutdown will be gradual. Five stations will be removed per day until 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30 when the system officially closes.

Bikes will still be able to be returned after that time, but new rentals will not be allowed.

Hubway's popularity exceeded some expectations. Officials had hoped to have 3,000 members signed up by the end of its first year. By the end of its first month there were more than 2,000 users signed up and about 1,000 daily trips being made.

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‘Libyan drama,’ Act 2: Gaddafi son captured

Muammar’s favorite son pushed against the dictator, fled Libya and then returned to fight his father’s war

How it happened

- **“We fired in the air and into the ground in front of them,”** said Ahmed Ammar, one of the 15 fighters who captured the Gaddafi heir.
- **“Who are you?”** said al-Ajami Ali al-Atari, the leader of the squad. **“Abdelsalam,”** came the reply. **“I am a camel herder.”** (A common name, it means “servant of peace” in Arabic; Saif al-Islam’s real name means “Sword of Islam.”)
- Ammar said: **“I know who you are. I know you.”**
- Atari says, **“Saif jumped out and tried to take cover behind the car.”**
- **“But when we told him to surrender he did,”** Atari said.

The chic black sweater and jeans were gone. So too the combat T-shirt of his televised last stand in Tripoli.

But the rimless glasses, framing those piercing eyes above the fine nose, gave him away despite the flowing nomad robes held close across his face.

Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, doctor of the London School of Economics, was once a reformer but became the scourge of those rebeling against his dictator father. Now he’s a prisoner bundled aboard an old Libyan air force transport plane near the oil-drilling outpost of Obari, deep in the Sahara desert.

“I told him he would not be beaten and he wouldn’t be hurt and I gave my word.”
ABDULLAH AL-MEHDI, PILOT

The interim government’s spokesman billed it as the “final act of the Libyan drama.” But there would be no closing soliloquy from the scion of the dynasty that Muammar Gaddafi, self-styled “king of kings,” had once hoped might rule Africa.

The capture of Saif al-Islam is the latest dramatic chapter in the series of revolts that have swept the Arab world. The first uprising toppled the Ben Ali government in Tunisia early this year.

The upheaval spread to Egypt, forcing out longtime ruler Hosni Mubarak in February, and then swept Libya, where the capital Tripoli fell to rebels this summer and Muammar Gaddafi died after being beaten and abused by captors last month. It’s now threatening the Assad family’s four-decade grip on Syria. **REUTERS**

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▶ Saif al-Islam, seen here in Tripoli in the early hours of Aug. 23, 2011, was the smiling face of the Gaddafi power structure. He won personal credibility at the highest echelons of international society — especially in London, where he helped tidy up the reputation of Libya with reformist politics.

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Newt slithers into lead for GOP race

Gingrich benefiting from Cain fallout Republican candidate takes little heat from mortgager payouts

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▶ Gingrich

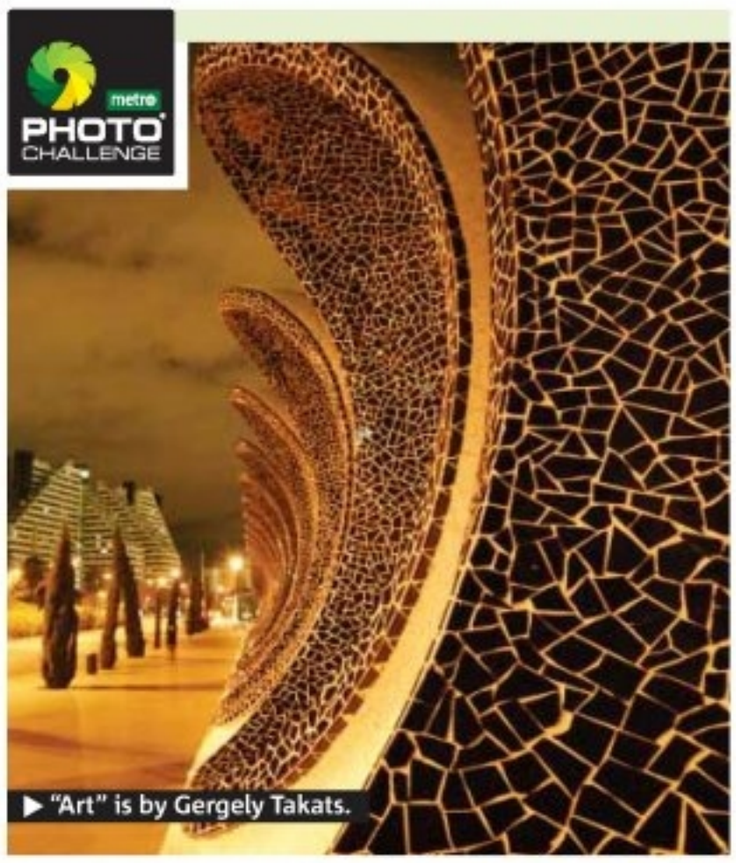
Presidential candidate Newt Gingrich has roared into the lead of the Republican nominating race, brushing off concerns about his work for a troubled housing company, a Reuters/Ipsos poll showed.

Twenty-four percent of registered Republican voters would support the former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives if the contest were held now, an increase of eight percentage points from roughly a week ago, according to the poll, which was conducted on Nov. 18-19.

Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who has stayed near the top of most polls, garnered support from 22 percent of Republicans, slumping 6 percentage points from the last survey conducted on November 10-11 and ending up essentially tied with Gingrich.

Despite allegations of questionable business ties, Gingrich is the latest favorite of conservative Republicans eager for an alternative to Romney, whom they see as too moderate.

In a sign of further relief for Gingrich, 46 percent of Republicans said the revelations that he had received up to $1.8 million in consulting fees from mortgage giant Freddie Mac had no impact on their view of the candidate. REUTERS



▶ "Art" is by Gergely Takats.

Metro photo of the day

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Congratulations to Gergely Takats from Hungary, winner of Thursday's Photo of the Day theme, "art." Entries for the competition are now closed. For more info, visit www.metrophotochallenge.com.

Reports indicate failure for debt deal

WASHINGTON. The congressional deficit-reduction committee is likely to concede failure in its efforts to strike a deal barring an unforeseen breakthrough to bridge deep partisan differences over taxes and spending, congressional aides said.

The announcement of failure would come today, aides from the Republican and Democratic camps told Reuters yesterday, shortly after several lawmakers on the bipartisan 12-member "super committee" cast strong doubts about a deal on the Sunday talk shows.

On NBC's "Meet the Press" program, neither Republican Senator Jon Kyl nor Democratic Senator John Kerry gave any indication a deal was near. REUTERS

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Is Demi Moore into women?

Ashton Kutcher's alleged infidelity may have been the last straw in his marriage to **Demi Moore**, but sources tell Star magazine that the pair's "open marriage" had been a strain for years. "Everyone in Hollywood knows about their arrangement, but they've managed to keep it a secret from the general public," a source says. "Demi is attracted to women just as much as men, so she didn't always get all she needed from Ashton. She was cool with Ashton having flirtatious relationships, too. Somehow they made it work all these years. Both of them were respectful of each other. It was a lot of fun for them." But Kutcher's pair of cheating scandals — including his reported tryst with a young woman during his and Moore's sixth anniversary — were apparently too much for Moore, who filed for divorce late last week.

What PR person leaked that crazy information? Because, yeah, everyone knows so many marriages are broken up because the wife is hot, likes threesomes and is "cool" with outside arrangements. What horror that must have been for Kutcher! How he survived, I have no idea.

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▶ If Moore likes her marriages "open," how does she like her divorces?

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Biel plays mind tricks with us

Jessica Biel admits she keeps losing out on film roles to **Anne Hathaway**, with two recent instances that were particularly hard to take. First, there's the role of Catwoman in **Christopher Nolan**'s "The Dark Knight Rises," for which Biel hoped to audition. "[That was] another one that got away. I was gutted," she tells Elle. But that's not all: "I felt terrified when I auditioned for 'Les Miserables,' the movie that **Tom Hooper** is doing," she says. "I was terrified to sing in front of him. I auditioned for Fantine and I sang 'I Dreamed a Dream.' I didn't get it. And I would have loved it." Hathaway eventually won that role as well.

This is strange. Why in the world would Biel admit publicly that she is always losing out on roles — unless she wants people to think she's actually the same caliber as Anne Hathaway? Which, no, she's not. I might give her Katherine Heigl-level, but even that's a stretch.

▶ Biel

Talking points

Perry, Brand to start a family

When her tour wraps up this week, **Katy Perry** is reportedly planning to take some time off to "work on her family," according Hollyscoop. As to what needs work, sources say Perry and husband **Russell Brand** are looking to expand their household with a baby. "I would love to have children. I think that's one of the reasons you get married. Especially to the person that you marry. You think that person is going to be a good partner, a good parent," Perry said during a recent interview with **Ellen DeGeneres**. As for how many kids she and Brand may have? "If it doesn't hurt the first time, I'll keep popping them out," Perry said.

▶ Simpson

Simpson living in la-la land

Jessica Simpson isn't planning to let a little thing like labor stop her from being fashionable. "I'm probably going to deliver my baby in these," she tells Us Weekly, referring to her four-inch high heels. "I went to the doctor yesterday and he said, 'You're gonna need to get out of those heels!' I was like, 'Excuse me! I'll be delivering in these heels!" Simpson says she's been enjoying the chance to try less-than-traditional maternity clothing. "I like wearing things more fitted," she says. "You want to show off your bump. It's just so fun. You don't want to wear muumuus so you can moo around town."

Please save Rihanna!

Rihanna says she's currently single — and not loving it. "I'm not dating anyone right now. I'm not dating at all," she tells **Ellen DeGeneres**. "I'm not necessarily happy being single. It's not really that cool." But if she were to start dating someone, she'd need him to take charge, she admits. "You know, I can't really be the man for you. I don't want to have to be," Rihanna says. "I'm the man at work all the time. I do put a lot into my job. Most of my time, if not all of it. It definitely affects my personal life."

Rihanna

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Mindy Kaling is exploring new products, Jeremy Piven is trying to understand, Russell Brand is getting creative and Sarah Silverman enjoys doing chores.

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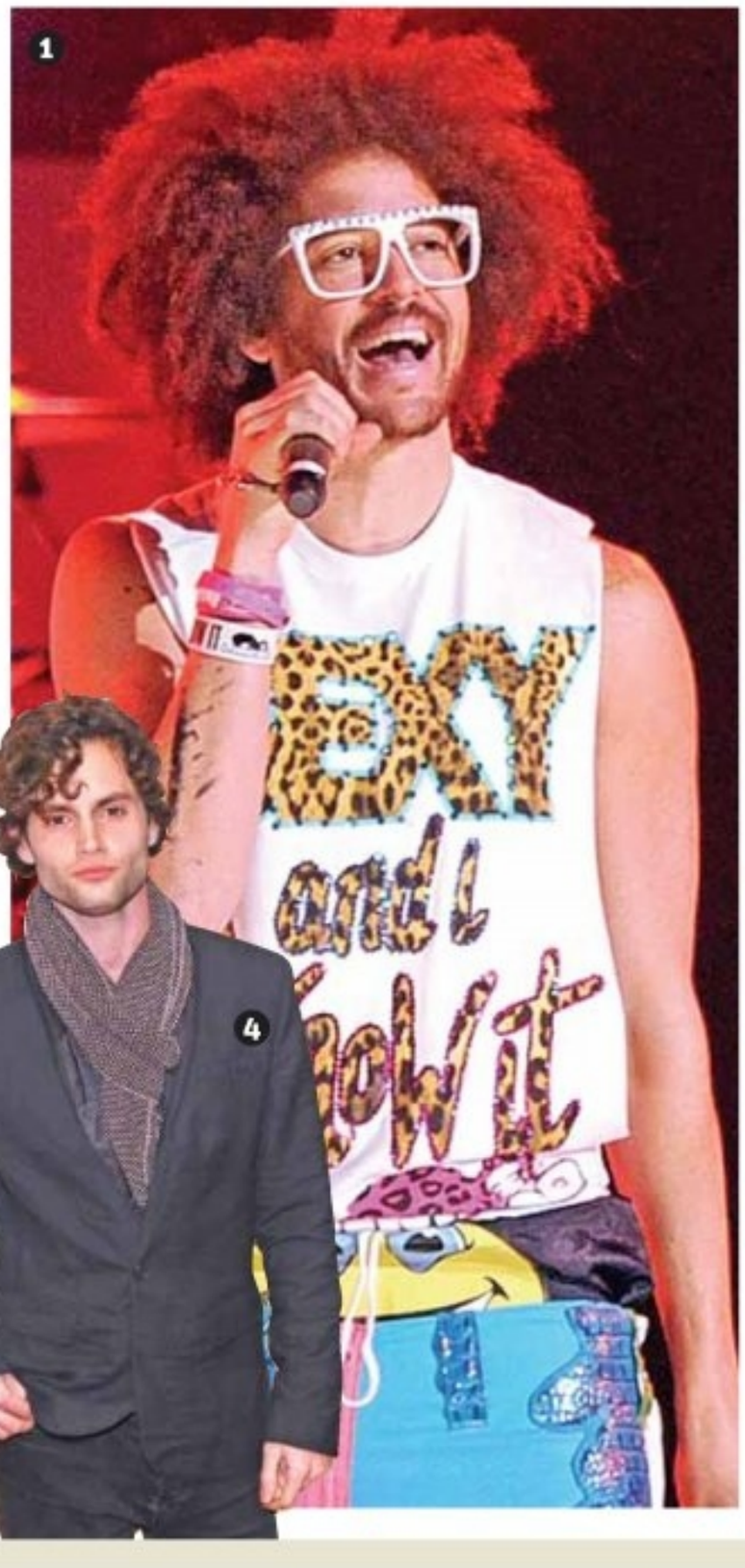

1: Redfoo of the group LMFAO at the Saturday rehearsals for the 2011 American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

2: A very skinny Perez Hilton attended the search for a new model for Madonna's Material Girl clothing line at The Beverly Center on Saturday in Los Angeles.

3: The lockout doesn't concern him too much: NBA player Marcus Banks and friends celebrated his birthday at the Chateau Nightclub & Gardens at the Paris Las Vegas on Saturday in Las Vegas.

4: Penn Badgley attended the "Gossip Girl" 100 episode celebration at Cipriani Wall Street on Saturday in New York City.

5: Sarah Silverman, Will Arnett and Amy Poehler posed backstage at Variety's Power of Comedy presented at Hollywood Palladium on Saturday in Hollywood.

6: Charlize Theron showed a little leg at the screening of her new film, "Young Adult," at the Tribeca Grand Screening Room on Friday in New York City.

7: What's this? There's a "Rocky" musical in Germany? Awesome. Here's Sylvester Stallone at the photocall for the new show on Sunday in Hamburg.

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Taylor Lautner on his toughest scene

In 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1,' the walking ab has to 'imprint' 'What do you look like when you imprint?' he wondered at first

For the fourth installment of the "Twilight" franchise, Taylor Lautner knew he was going to be in for some pretty bizarre stuff — even for a franchise about vampires, werewolves and moody teens. His character, the werewolf Jacob, finds himself in the awkward position of "imprinting" on Renesmee, the newborn daughter of Bella (Kristen Stewart) and Edward (Robert Pattinson). "That was ... tough," Lautner admits. "Because what is imprinting? What do you look like when you imprint? I mean, those were all the questions going through my head."

For the uninitiated, imprinting is what happens when a werewolf finds his soulmate, at least in author Stephenie Meyer's world. "Luckily we had Stephenie on set the entire time, and trust me, I asked her a million times, 'OK, explain to me one more time what imprinting is exactly?' and 'What is he doing when he's imprinting?' It was very, very confusing," Lautner says.

The business with the baby was something he'd been anticipating, of course, and he admits that while he gets the overall romance of the story, it does seem like an odd consolation prize. "I get a baby? Yeah, yeah. I have gotten over that by now," he says. "I remember the first time reading the book, I was so confused. I was like, 'Wait. He's trying to get Bella the whole time, and he strikes out so he goes with her child?' It really took a second."

With filming on the franchise complete, Lautner is happy to put some aspects of "Twilight" behind him. Such as "not wearing clothes," he says with a laugh. "I mean, I love Vancouver, but we have to film when it's cold and rainy and gross, and the sun comes out and we've got to stop filming." Joking aside, though, Lautner is nothing but grateful. "I honestly can't even think of complaints or anything that I wouldn't want to do because of everything it's given me," he says. "I'm just crazy thankful for what this has given all of us and the opportunities it's given us as actors."

ANDREW COOPER

▶ Jacob Black has a pensive moment in "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1."

Those pesky Gus Van Sant rumors

Earlier this month, it was reported that Lautner would be starring in a movie directed by "Milk" filmmaker Gus Van Sant.

Lautner, however, is tight-lipped about the rumored project, which is said to be based on a New Yorker article. "It's very premature, so I really don't have much to say now other than the fact that I really, really respect and would love the opportunity to work with him."

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

'Breaking Dawn' draws $283.5 million worldwide

The new "Twilight" movie opened with a massive $283.5 million in worldwide ticket sales over the weekend.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1" captured an estimated $139.5 million in the United States and Canada, distributor Summit Entertainment said yesterday. That ranked as the fifth biggest domestic opening of all time.

The movie's performance beat studio forecasts for the film. Summit had predicted as much as $125 million domestically.

The domestic opening ranked as the year's second-highest, behind only the "Harry Potter" finale over the summer.

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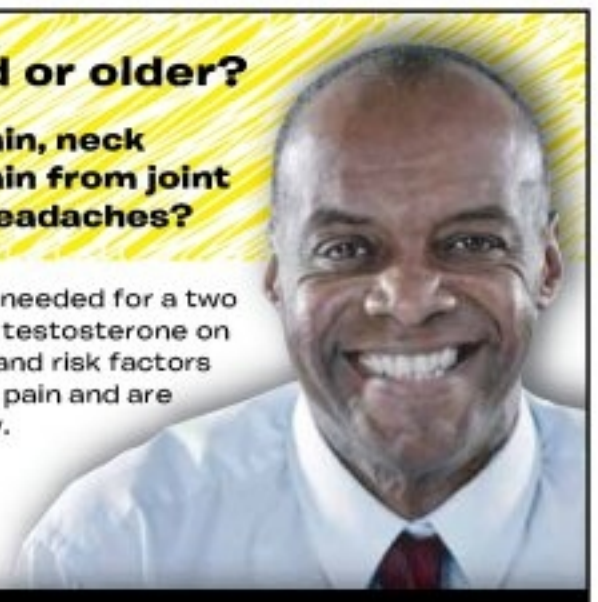
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'The Layover'

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Series premiere, 9 p.m., Travel Channel

'You Deserve It'

GAME SHOW. Contestants show off trivia skills to win money for needy friends and family. 'Tis the season of giving and all.
Series premiere, 9:01 p.m., ABC

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MTV2 must-see

Every bro knows the code, but not everyone follows the same set of guidelines. On "Guy Code," we're putting people on notice! Watch as we learn how to strut our stuff on the dance floor, proper public bathroom etiquette, the hidden benefits of going to the gym and how to deal with the morning after. Plus — Mike Posner tells us how not to ruin your best friend's night. Do you know the Code? Catch "Guy Code," Tuesday at 11 p.m. on MTV2 to find out.

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M83 doubles up

- The Internet is going too fast for Anthony Gonzalez
- So he's trying to slow it down with an epic new album

Conceptual double album? Musicians hardly get past an EP to make a single album these days, let alone a double (conceptual or otherwise) one. But, M83's fall-released "Hurry Up, We're Dreaming" spreads Anthony Gonzalez's savvy dance pop over two discs, creating an epic landmark in the French artist's decade-long career.

"I'm lost, I don't know what to listen to these days. The Internet is going too fast for me," Gonzalez (aka M83) tells Metro. "People might get excited about a record, but 20 minutes later they are excited about another. This is me saying, 'I am not into the way we listen to music these days,'" he says, sounding like a child of the '60s rather than the '80s.

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ANDRÉE BURTON

▶ Gonzalez

"It's very impersonal."

Almost two years ago, Gonzalez moved from his native South of France to Los Angeles, opening a new chapter in his life: "I was craving a new adventure. In the south of France, I was in a bubble with my family and close friends. It was almost too easy, too beautiful. I needed to do something for myself."

But the main motivation for creating such an epic record is that the 30-year-old felt the passage of time and childhood lost.

"When I moved to L.A., the first three or four months were very difficult for me. I was homesick. I just started remembering being a kid. It was kind of melancholy nostalgia, but not sad. The nostalgia of being a kid and now you're a grown-up and everything is over, but knowing that you can connect to your past through memories is the beauty of this album."

Audiences seem to agree as M83 sold out the House of Blues last night.

No technophobia

M83 is actually Y2K-compatible

M83 isn't a Luddite, bemoaning technology.

"I'm not saying that it's bad," Gonzalez says of the almighty Internet. "I'm saying it's different, and I'm finding it hard to get acquainted. It's fantastic that you can release your own music with just a laptop nowadays. It's very futuristic and exciting. But also very scary."

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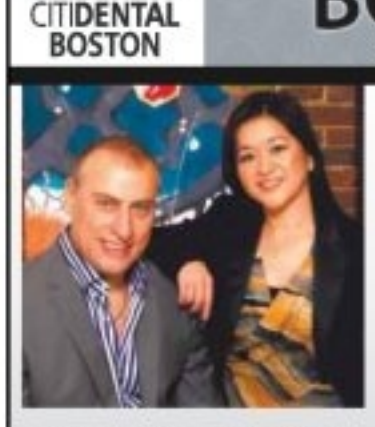

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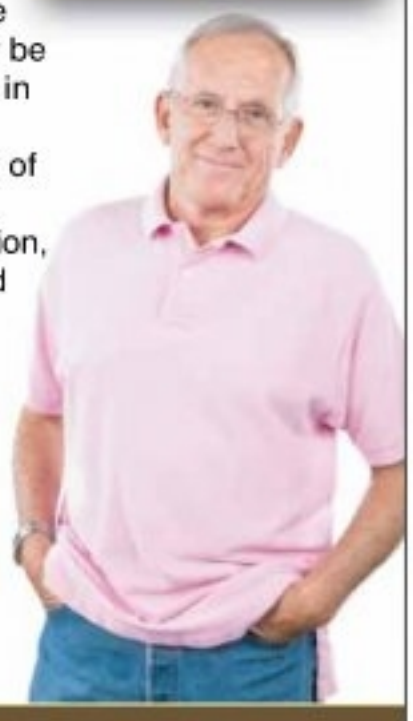

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Joy's healthy bite

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You can feast on your favorite Thanksgiving foods without finishing out the meal feeling heavy, bloated and blah. Here's how:

▶ **Plan ahead.**
You know your main meal will be somewhat over-the-top in terms of calories, so plan to eat more lightly during the day. Your best bets are lean protein and vegetable-based options, such as an egg white and veggie omelet for breakfast and a big salad topped with a can of chunk light tuna for lunch.

▶ **Stuff only the turkey (not yourself).**
Enjoy a bit of everything you like, but keep your portions in check. One plate of food filled with your favorite festive treats (no seconds, with the exception of veggies), one alcoholic beverage (if you drink) and a small serving of dessert (or a sliver of several items) is the perfect amount to satisfy without going overboard.

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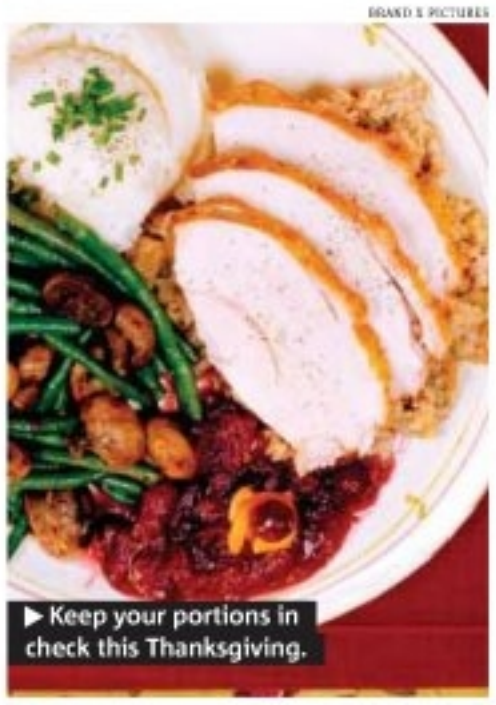

▶ Keep your portions in check this Thanksgiving.

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▶ **Lighten up the classics.**
Sometimes you have to have the real thing (there's no messing with mom's stuffing). When it comes to less hallowed "supporting dishes," browse the Web for slimmed-down versions that make smart substitutions to trim excess calories and fat. For a healthy alternative to sugary sweet potato casserole, visit www.metro.us for my recipe.

▶ **Say bye-bye to leftovers.**
If you're the host, pack up anything that might tempt you in subsequent days. Both your guests and your waistline will give thanks.

▶ **Get back on track.**
The day after Thanksgiving, hit the gym and go right back to your regular, healthy eating routine.

— For more tips on healthy eating, follow ***Joy Bauer*** *on Facebook and Twitter (@joybauer) and visit* ***www.joybauer.com.***

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Healthier options for this Thursday

Thanksgiving doesn't have to be a caloric bomb. Here are some safe bets.

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Yum! Healthy, pumpkin-flavored icy treats

Arctic Zero Pumpkin dessert
It's not quite ice cream, but its taste is sure to get you through a Christmas movie marathon on TV. This flavorful dessert is less than 150 calories per pint, fat-free and lactose-intolerant friendly. **$3.50-$5, Whole Foods**

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The Soft Serve Fruit Co. in Pumpkin flavor

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For pre-bird hors d'oeuvres

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Perfect for pigs in a blanket, or simply on their own with a toothpick down the middle, these mini-sausages are made with chicken, so they're leaner than traditional 'dogs. Each serving is 100 calories and has 7 grams of protein. **$4.29, grocery stores**

Blue Diamond Nut.Thins
Pair these crackers with your favorite dip and don't worry about feeling guilty: Made with whole grain rice and almonds, they're trans-fat and cholesterol-free, and each serving packs three grams of protein. They're available in tasty flavors like Pepper Jack and Sour Cream & Chive. **$2.69, grocery stores**

Your best bird: free-range

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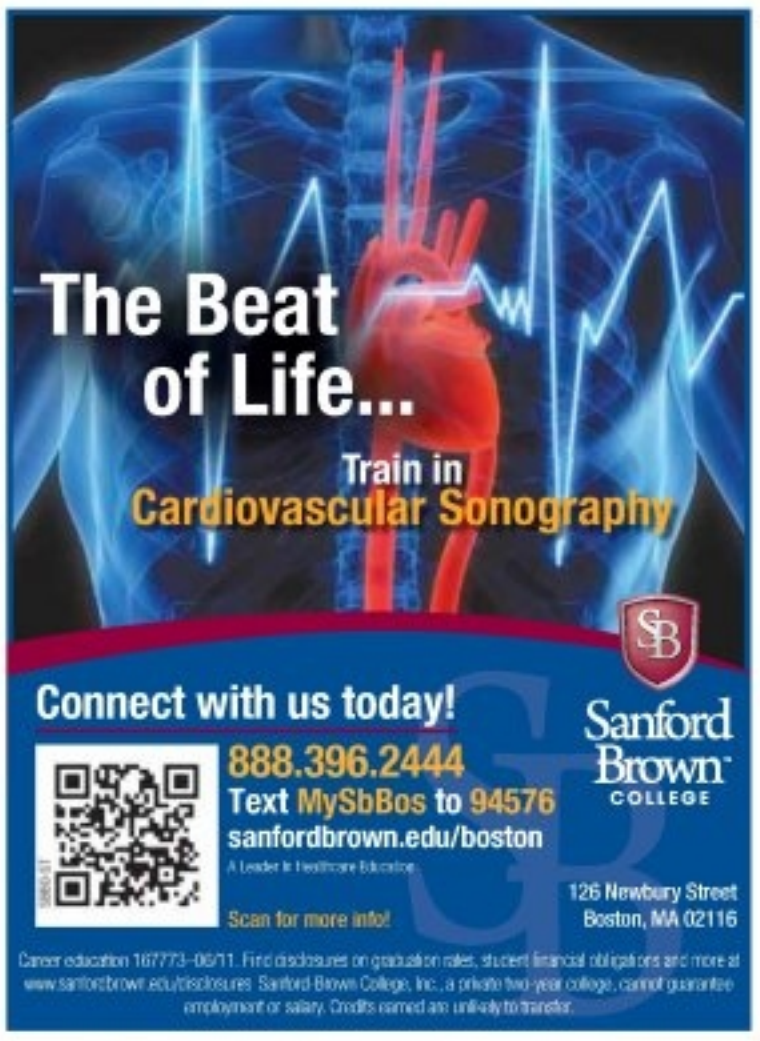
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More international students coming to US for grad school

Chinese students lead way, but the Middle East and India are sending more students for degrees as well

American campuses are becoming increasingly popular destinations for international students who want to attend grad school, according to new research. The Council of Graduate schools reports that new enrollment from foreign students increased by eight percent in 2011. There hasn't been gain that significant since 2006. International students make up about 14.2 percent of the country's entire graduate student body.

Several U.S. graduate enrollment programs from other countries have progressed, most notably China. The presence of Chinese grad students in America grew by 21 percent. That's compared to a growth of 20 percent, 16 percent and 14 percent in each of the past three years. Coming to the U.S. for grad school is also popular in the Middle East, which had an enrollment eight percent higher than last year.

India also had a modest gain with two percent more students in American programs this year. South Korea is a different story, though. With a steady decrease of students from the country coming to enroll in U.S. grad schools, this year the rate fell flat.

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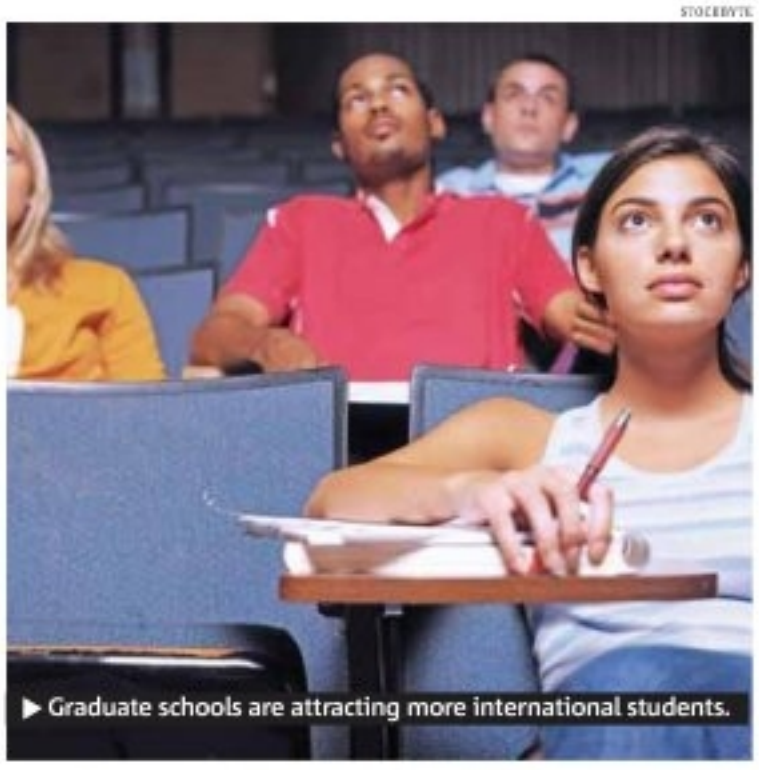
▶ Graduate schools are attracting more international students.

The most popular programs among international students are arts and humanities, business, education, engineering, life sciences, physical and Earth sciences, social sciences and psychology. Private institutions remain more popular than public colleges.

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Plagiarism: The most frequently ripped-off

Plagiarism is an unfortunate fact of college life, and the Internet has only made things easier for students looking to copy and paste. A generation or two ago, it meant taking phrases straight from a book or even someone else's paper without properly citing them. Today, though, plagiarism is almost strictly cyber.

A new study, "Plagiarism and the Web: A Comparison of Internet Sources for Secondary and Higher Education Students," has revealed the most common sources to be plagiarized. Campus Technology reports that 33.5 million papers were analyzed over a one-year period for the study. The researchers found more than 128 million instances of Web plagiarism in the papers.

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Wikipedia was the most plagiarized source among both secondary students (7.99 percent) and college students (10.74 percent). Other information sites that were frequently plagiarized included Yahoo answers, Answers.com, eNotes, Slideshare and Appapers.com.

The more popular sources for plagiarism, though, were social media sites that are used for content sharing. Facebook is among these sources and is frequently plagiarized by both secondary and college students, according to the report.

The authors of the study did offer some direction when it comes from preventing plagiarism. They suggest giving students assignments to be submitted in stages that force them to write about their own personal experiences or current events. The report also suggests professors use plagiarism detection and show students how to properly cite sources before they turn in their final drafts.

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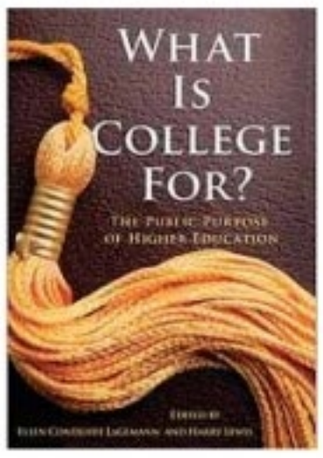

Tough questions for higher education

New book asks 'What Is College For?' Editor thinks that pursuit of profit is getting in the way of education

In 2008 and 2009, the John L. and Sue Ann Weinberg Foundation sponsored a series of seminars on higher education. Led by Ellen Condliffe Lagemann, the former dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the panel of speakers represented some of the most respected higher education experts in the country.

The group noticed a theme emerging in their sessions: Almost every presenter felt Americans were loosing sight of the core values of higher education in pursuit of its economic benefits.

This month Lagemann, along with co-editor Harry Lewis, are releasing a book based on this quandary, featuring essays by a number of presenters from the Weinberg panel: "What Is College For? The Public Purpose of Higher Education."

"I feel we're suffering from a national myopia over a very limited kind of success when it comes to higher education. We seem to be obsessed with the economic impact," says Lewis, a professor at Harvard and the author of numerous other books, including "Excellence Without a Soul: Does Liberal Arts Education Have a Future?" "I think the education world has to take some responsibility for allowing this myopia to develop without fostering a discussion about how we're going to preserve education for the long haul."

"We're suffering from a national myopia over a very limited kind of success when it comes to higher education." LEWIS

But "What Is College For?" is a hopeful critique. In each of its six chapters, the authors seek to inspire readers to ask more of institutions and students alike.

"Right now there's a lot being written about the failures of higher education. This volume is not designed to say that higher education is a failure or success," says Lewis. "We're trying to stimulate a discussion about what its purposes are, so you can have a reasonable conversation. There isn't much value in that argument if you can't agree on the basic purpose of education."

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The hottest IT jobs for 2012

The progression of technology brings the expansion of IT jobs, and 2012 will be no exception. With more businesses going digital and phrases like "cloud storage" becoming commonplace, the world of IT careers is budding with new opportunities. Robert Half Technology just released their list of the hottest jobs for 2012, many of them falling under the IT umbrella. Here are three that are especially promising:

Mobile applications developer

Not surprisingly, this job comes out on top. Considering the long list of things you can do from your phone — banking, gaming and even video chatting — it's no wonder that this field is booming. "Mobile development has surpassed Web development and is now leading in shaping future professionals," says Leonardo Mattiazzi, vice president of international business at IT services company Ci&T.

User experience designer

UX designers, to those in the know, "create positive digital experiences," according to Robert Half Technology. Mattiazzi believes that the job description is blurring the lines and tapping into all sorts of creative talent. "Developers can no longer rely only on their technical skills, and UX designers can no longer rely only on their creative skills. The blending of UX skills and technical skills is becoming a de-facto demand," he says.

Data security analyst

This is the e-bouncer of a company. David Hurst, principal at the financial accounting and advisory firm WeiserMazars LLP, sees growth happening already. "Now that it's becoming feasible to break up complex business processes and execute different parts in different technologies on-site and in the Cloud, it is increasing the demand for architecture and integration skills to design and manage these complex multi-platform processes," Hurst says. ● JULIA WEST

To give or not to give at work

- Should you be hunting for gifts for co-workers on Black Friday?
- Expert tips for keeping the holidays happy — and simple — at work

After spending 11 months as merely co-workers, the beginning of December heralds feelings of peace in cubicles and goodwill towards bosses. But before you make additions to your Black Friday shopping list, consider these tips from Lahle Wolfe, About.com's "Women in Business" expert. "With everyone worrying about their jobs and the economy, the last thing people should have to worry about is spending money on gifts they're unsure of," she says.

THE BOSS FACTOR

Should you even give your supervisor a gift? It depends. "Assess it the same way as that aunt you see once a year," advises Wolfe. "What's the relationship? Can you name the things outside the office that your boss likes? If not, then you don't know this person well enough to give them a gift."

While Wolfe does recommend homemade gifts or baked goods for closer peers, she discourages them for bosses — these can be interpreted as either intimate or unprofessional, neither of which you're going for.

BEWARE OF THE GAG GIFT

Increasingly, Wolfe sees offices encouraging gag gifts as part of "Secret Santa" or Pollyanna-style giving to alleviate pressure. But, she warns, this comes with its own set of problems. "A lot of offices do this, and it tends to make people uncomfortable and turn into teasing," she says. "When you target gifts like this, stick with something very neutral. Go with something you might give a child, so that's why it's a gag." Meaning, no cigars for the guy who is always on a smoke break, no watches for the co-worker who is always late, and no booze for the girl who can't say no to happy hour.

On the wording

Wishing someone "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Hanukkah" is perfectly fine, provided you're sure that's what the person celebrates. If there's a question, go with "Happy Holidays," even if it can sound stuffy. "In an office environment, handle it like you would in a public school," says Wolfe. "If you're uncertain how to say something, 'happy holidays' is a great neutral thing to say."

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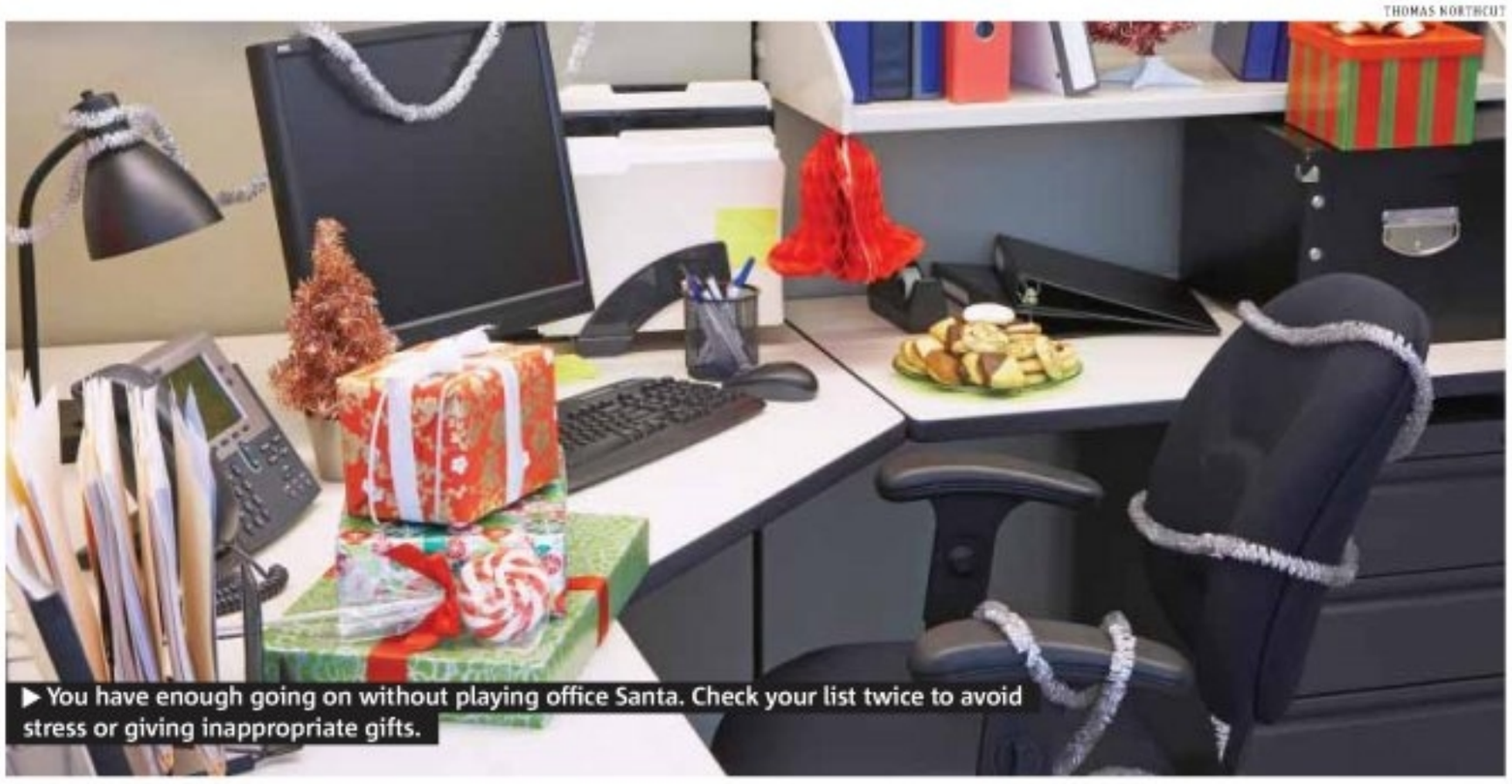

▶ You have enough going on without playing office Santa. Check your list twice to avoid stress or giving inappropriate gifts.

Never give ...

Wolfe is a fan of the iTunes gift card, where $10 can go a long way in getting someone through a long Monday morning. But whatever you do, don't give these:

- **Perfume and jewelry** "Perfume or jewelry are sort of intimate — it says that you're paying attention," cautions Wolfe. "If it's something not generic enough that a guy or a girl could equally enjoy, it's probably a little too personal."
- **Scented items** Many people are allergic to artificial scents or are just very particular about which ones they like. Again, cautions Wolfe, some people could interpret these as conveying intimacy — scents are personal.
- **Anything religious** Generic holiday ornaments and greeting cards are fine, but stay away from anything that's directly faith-related.

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Some support for protesters

Counter-protesters to the OWS movement chant "Get a job!" Problem is that the protesters are demonstrating against the fact that corporate America is back to making profits yet won't give them jobs. **DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL**

As a small-business owner watching the slowly controlled demise of the greatest country on Earth, I am appalled by the amount of people that are bad-mouthing the Tea Party or OWS protests. Wake up and notice the government intentionally devaluing the dollar. Get off your La-Z-Boy and fight for your freedom.
ALEX TISCHENKO, VIA E-MAIL

The OWS movement has some valid points, but corporate greed and corruption do not begin and end with Wall Street. They should be protesting in the halls of Congress and the White House. Our politicians are bought and paid for by big business.
PAT CROCE, VIA E-MAIL

The backlash is piling up, too

RE: "OCCUPY HEARTS AND MINDS": I can't agree with Mr. Simms that the OWS movement has countless supporters. Americans are much more well-tempered and well-behaved than people in other countries. In these tough times we have to feed and raise children, work and buy goods — and we deserve good rest, too. Occupants are turning to extremists very easily and this nuisance has to come to an end. There are plenty of jobs around, but these runny-nosed youths want $60K right now. That will never happen. So do not invite us, Mr. Simms, to participate in vandalism, hooliganism and other "isms."
ELENA BRIO, BROOKLINE

It's apparent that the OWS movement has run its course. The core message of America being taken over by corporations is being lost. OWS is only antagonizing the 99 percent. OWS needs the people to support them, not fear them.
LEONARD WILSON, VIA E-MAIL

Yelling in the streets gets you nowhere. A better idea is to fight corruption from our living rooms by contacting elected officials and voicing our complaints in writing.
FRANK ST. GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL

It is disappointing that the most publicized conflict during the recent escalated Wall Street protests has been with police officers and not with the greed-obsessed financial powers that inspired Occupy.
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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Find yourself an environment that is free from outside interference, and you'll have one of your more productive days.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Your farsightedness is remarkable, and it could help you visualize exactly the right game plan to follow. Work on some future hopes that you'd like to bring into being.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It's not always possible, but your perspicuity could help you visualize what's coming down the line, which will aid you in marshaling the appropriate forces.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Have confidence in your own convictions. If you believe you have a good idea for something, don't let others discourage you from following through on it.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Watch out for someone who tries to get you to change something that is of personal benefit in order to make it into a windfall for them. Of course, they won't phrase it that way.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you're reluctant to make a necessary decision in a timely manner, someone you'd disapprove of is likely to step up and make that call for you. Don't let that happen.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Dedicate your time and effort to the tasks that you dislike doing the most. The relief it would give you will be a huge weight off your shoulders.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Even if you have a full schedule planned, try to find a bit of time to enjoy a momentarily pleasurable pursuit. The relief would give you the energy to happily continue onward.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Try not to get yourself involved in a project that once started demands to be finished. If you do, make sure your entire day is cleared to do nothing else.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you learn that some information you have at your disposal would be of tremendous help to another, do your best to get it to that person. Chances are you'd make a friend for life.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Being prudent is likely to ensure that you'll be able to enjoy success and the finer things down the line. When that time comes, you'll be glad of your sensible behavior.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Once you make an important, carefully considered decision, have the courage of your convictions to stand by your resolution. Being wishy-washy won't help anyone. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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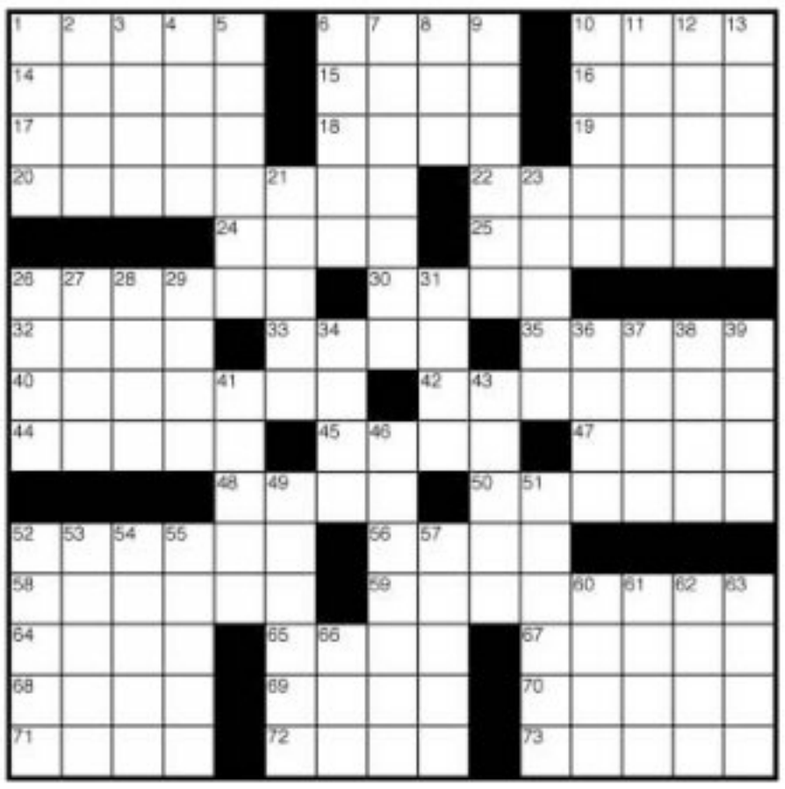

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My, how quickly things can change

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▶ Vince Wilfork and the Patriots are suddenly standing tall over the floundering Jets.

Patriots can go from underdogs against Jets to up two games in East
And soft schedule rest of the way

Remember when the Patriots were looking up at the Bills and Jets?

Not anymore.

With a win tonight against the Chiefs, the Patriots would improve to 7-3 and take a commanding two-game lead in the AFC East.

Think about that for a moment.

Last Sunday, the Patriots were underdogs in New York, with a real possibility of dropping three games in a row. You know how that ended.

It went from grim to great in a matter of one week, and taking a look at their schedule for the remainder of the season, one word comes to mind.

Cupcake.

The Patriots have the easiest schedule in the NFL, based on team records this season.

There's a real possibility that they do, in fact, win out the rest of the way. That would give them a first-round bye and at least one playoff game at home.

But beating teams like Kansas City tonight — or Indianapolis in two weeks — doesn't tell much. The Patriots' gift may end up being their curse if a legit team comes into Gillette Stadium in the postseason and punches the Pats in the mouth.

"We don't make the schedule," is what Bill Belichick will inevitably say when the topic is discussed. But the Patriots could end the season at 13-3 and still go into the playoffs with a lot of questions.

On TV tonight

Patriots vs. Chiefs
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In the news

Ryan will be fined for curse

The cost of dropping an F-bomb is apparently just about $100,000.

ESPN reported yesterday that Jets head coach Rex Ryan will be fined between $75,000 and $100,000 for telling a Patriots fan to "shut the f— up" last Sunday.

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Buffalo blown out by Miami

If the Patriots were hoping for their division to open up, they got it in a span of the last four days.

First, the Jets fell apart with five minutes remaining at Denver, allowing Tim Tebow to knock them to 5-5 on the season.

And then yesterday the Bills' miracle season may have hit its final speed bump.

After starting the year 5-2, Buffalo has lost three straight. And worse still, two have been in the AFC East.

The Bills (5-5) were never in the game yesterday as they lost 35-8 to the Dolphins. Dave Raynor kicked a field goal less than five minutes into the game to put the Bills up 3-0.

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▶ Moore

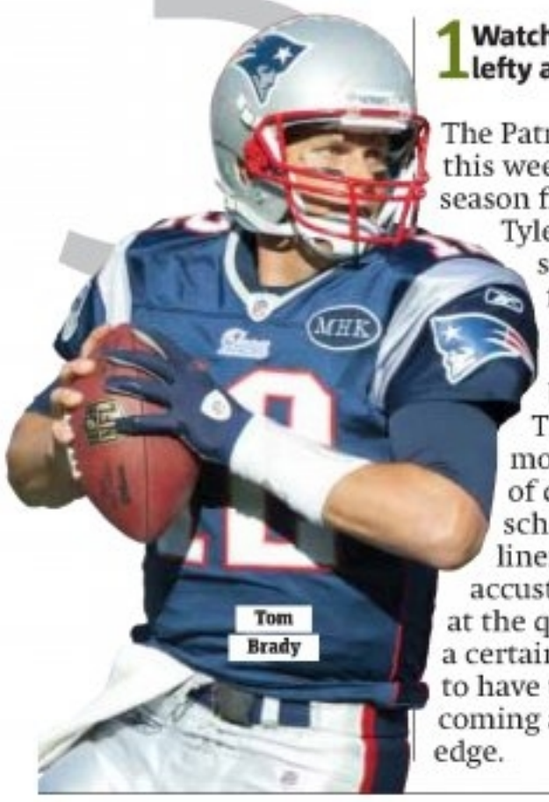
And, then, they promptly allowed 28 unanswered points to Matt Moore and Co.

Moore, who has been a revelation of late, finished the game 14-of-20 for 160 yards and three touchdowns. Maybe most importantly he had zero turnovers.

The Dolphins (3-7) have three straight wins, but are likely out of it in the division. Instead they opened it up wide for the Patriots (6-3), who face the Chiefs tonight. METRO

Storylines to watch

Week 11: Patriots vs. Chiefs, Gillette Stadium
When: 8:30 p.m., ESPN What's next: at Philadelphia



1 Watch out for the lefty at quarterback

The Patriots have spent this week watching preseason film of Chiefs QB Tyler Palko, but even so, it will be a different look when the left-handed quarterback steps back to throw.

The Patriots will most likely flip a lot of defensive blitz schemes, and linemen who are accustomed to getting at the quarterback from a certain angle are going to have to adjust to coming around the other edge.

2 Will the Patriots ever run again?

Since the Week 5 win over the Jets, the Patriots' run game has been borderline nonexistent.

As each week passes and run yardage isn't accumulated, you have to wonder if the Patriots have either, A, not enough health or talent at the running back position, or B, would rather just take their chances with the ball in Tom Brady's hand.

Either way, a balanced offensive attack is going to be necessary if New England want to win in the playoffs.

3 Can the Patriots take back home?

Since 2002, the Patriots have the most regular season and postseason wins at home in the NFL.

They are 63-13 in that time span, with Baltimore and Indianapolis six and seven games behind, respectively. And the Patriots aren't just squeaking by with wins at home either. They lead the league in point differential at home since 2002 as well.

Still, those numbers didn't matter against the Giants two weeks ago.

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▶ Cassel won't get a chance to face his old team.

King of the Cassel missing

One key name missing from tonight's starting lineup will be quarterback Matt Cassel.

Cassel, of course, is a former Patriot — famous for replacing Tom Brady after he tore his ACL against the Chiefs in 2008.

Cassel broke his hand last week against Denver and had surgery which means his season is over.

It also means he won't get a chance to face the team that gave him his future in the league. The Patriots haven't faced Kansas City since the game that Brady injured his knee.

Cassel had struggled this year, throwing 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions. METRO

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NFL Sunday in pictures

Packers stay unbeaten; Ravens win late

It was a crazy day in the NFL as tight games ruled the scoreboard.

1. The Packers improved to 10-0 in a 35-26 win over the Bucs, but it was much closer than it looked thanks to two late Packer scores.

2. Dallas managed to overcome a late Rex Grossman touchdown as they won 27-24 in overtime over the Skins.

3. Baltimore withstood a drive from Andy Dalton to beat the Bengals, 31-24, as the clock ran out in the fourth quarter.

4. Blaine Gabbert threw an incompletion in the end zone as time expired to give the Browns a 14-10 win over the Jags.

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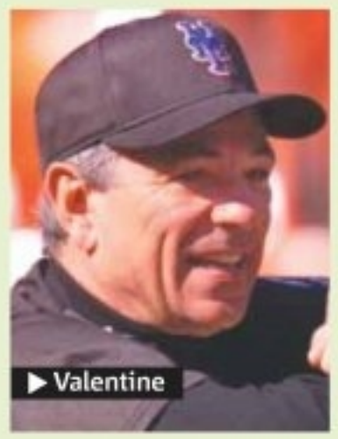
Sox to interview Valentine today


▶ Valentine

If you like your managers loud and brash today is the day to keep your fingers crossed Red Sox fans.

ESPN reported that sources close to Bobby Valentine said the former Mets and Rangers manager will interview in Boston today.

Valentine, 61, who works for ESPN, is apparently the front-runner for a job that looked likely to be headed toward Dale Sveum. Sveum, the Brewers' hitting coach last season, had two interviews with the Sox, but was not offered the job.

Sveum chose to become the new manager of the Cubs — and former Sox general manager Theo Epstein.

Valentine has always been a fan favorite in New York where he managed the Mets from 1996 to 2002. He took them to the World Series in 2000, where they lost to the Yankees.

Valentine managed the Chibe Lotte Marines in Japan, who had a working relationship with Boston.

Boston general manager Ben Cherington was in the Dominican Republic this weekend scouting Cuban defector Yoenis Cespedes. METRO

9
Rushing touchdowns by Cam Newton this season, including two yesterday. That is the most ever by a rookie quarterback.

56
The Bills have given up 56 points in the first half of their last two games combined. They gave up 28 first-half points to Miami.

5
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373
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